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SUBJECT: COFFEE -- MEETING OF TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP  
ON APPLICATION OF A SYSTEM OF CERTIFICATE OF  
ORIGIN

1.) A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION (ICO) ON THE APPLICATION OF THE SYSTEM OF CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 22 THROUGH APRIL 2, 1976. THIS IS ONE OF A SERIES OF IMPORTANT TECHNICAL GROUP MEETINGS THAT WILL BE HELD OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TO WORK OUT DETAILED NORMS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ECONOMIC PROVISIONS OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT (ICA). THIS WORKING GROUP'S TASK WILL BE TO DEVELOP A COFFEE TRACKING SYSTEM (ARTICLE 43 OF NEW ICA) DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ACCURATE STATISTICAL DATA ON COFFEE MOVEMENTS AND TO SERVE AS THE BASIS OF A CONTROL SYSTEM AT SUCH TIME AS QUOTAS MIGHT HAVE TO BE IMPOSED UNDER THE NEW AGREEMENT.

2. UNDER FORMER AGREEMENTS THE U.S. CUSTOMS PLAYED A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXECUTION OF CONTROL SYSTEMS. THIS INCLUDED THE INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE SYSTEM. SHOULD WE JOIN THE NEW AGREEMENT ONCE AGAIN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ICA WOULD DEPEND ON THAT BUREAU'S COLLABORATION. WE, THEREFORE,  
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RECOMMEND THAT THE U.S. CUSTOM SERVICE BE REPRESENTED

AT THE WORKING GROUP MEETING. WE SUGGEST THAT CONSIDER-  
ATION BE GIVEN TO NAMING A CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVE WHO  
WILL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERSEEING INVESTIGATION  
OF POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES.

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